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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The three-month shortened statutory time for response expired on February 2, 2007. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to March 2, 2007. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

The **Claim Amendments** begin on page 2 of this Response.

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